RESOLUTION 2017-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, PROMOTING HOME RULE AUTHORITY; AND DIRECTING CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO BE PROVIDED TO VARIOUS OFFICIALS.

WHEREAS, in 1968, Florida voters amended the Constitution of the State of Florida to confer broad powers to counties and municipalities, authorizing local officials to pass local ordinances and exercise all powers not specifically prohibited by law, otherwise known as "Home Rule"; and

WHEREAS, local governments are instrumental in improving the quality of life of its citizens and use Home Rule authority to provide vital public services such as parks and recreation, water sewer, streets and public rights-of-way, drainage and storm water management, and police and fire protection that are used and counted on by citizens, businesses and visitors every day; and

WHEREAS, Home Rule powers, both administrative and fiscal, allow local governments to develop and implement community-based solutions to local problems without state interference; and

WHEREAS, there were a significant number of bills filed during the 2017 State of Florida legislative session that proposed to preempt the Home Rule authority of local governments thereby inhibiting the ability of local governments to respond to matters of local importance; and

WHEREAS, the Board anticipates future legislative attempts to curtail, restrict and/or preempt its members from using their Home Rule authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida as follows:

- 1. The above "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct, and hereby adopted as findings of the Board.
- 2. The Board supports the promotion of the integrity of the Home Rule power of local governments.
- 3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided to the following legislative members of the Treasure Coast delegation:

Senate President Negron, Senator Grimsley, Senator Mayfield, Representative Magar, Representative Harrell, Representative Pigman, Representative Lee and Representative Grall.

This resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St.

Eucie Village on this 20th day of June, 2017.

APPROVED:

BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE FOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA

By:

William G. Thiess, Mayor JAMES F. GRIMES, VICE-MAYOR

ATTESTED:

Diane C. Orme,

I, DIANE C. ORME, Clerk of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution 2017-4 which was duly introduced, read and adopted at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, held this day of June, 2017.